

REMARKS

The applicants have studied the Final Office Action dated May 23, 2005, and have made amendments to the application. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. By virtue of this amendment, claims 2-11 and 22-24 are pending, claims 2-4, 6, 9, 10, 22 and 24 have been amended and claims 1 and 21 have been canceled. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 3 and 24 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 3 and 24 have been amended to include all of the limitations of their rejected base claims. Claims 1 and 21 have been canceled and the remaining claims have been amended to depend from independent claims 3 and 24. No new matter has been added.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the objection of claims 3 and 24 should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (818) 576-5003 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

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